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SUBJ: TIMING OF CYPRUS DEBATE

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN STEADY CONTACT WITH TURKISH MISSION  
DURING PAST FEW DAYS OVER TIMING OF CYPRUS DEBATE.  
PRESENT SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. LAST WEEK, OLCAY, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, WENT TO  
GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA TO REQUEST DELAY OF CYPRUS DEBATE  
UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER, WHICH HAS ALL ALONG BEEN TURKISH  
PREFERENCE. BOUTEFLIKA POINTED OUT IN CONVERSATION WITH  
OLCAY THAT GREEKS HAD WANTED DEBATE AROUND THIRD WEEK IN  
OCTOBER AND THAT HE HAD IN SETTING OCTOBER 28 SOUGHT TO  
REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO POSITIONS. GREEKS HAD  
ACCEPTED POSTPONEMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 28 DESPITE THEIR  
PREFERENCE FOR EARLIER DATE. BOUTEFLIKA HAD ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY  
ON THREE OCCASIONS THAT DEBATE ON CYPRUS WOULD BEGAIN  
OCTOBER 28. IN LIGHT OF THAT BACKGROUND, GA PRESIDENT WAS  
UNWILLING MAKE FURTHER CHANGE IN CYPRUS DEBATE.

2. IN LIGHT OUR INSTRUCTIONS, ON OCTOBER 21 AMB. BENNETT  
APPROACHED TURKISH DEPUTY PERMREP TUZEL TO SAY WE PREPARED  
SUPPORT TURKS BY APPROACHING BOUTEFLIKA TO ASK POSTPONEMENT  
CYPRUS DEBATE INTO NOVEMBER. TUZEL TOOK POSITION HIS MISSION  
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SAW NO NEED OF FURTHER APPROACH TO BOUTEFLIKA. HE

COMMENTED THAT TURKS WOULD BE SEEN AS "UGLY PEOPLE" IF THEY CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR FURTHER POSTPONEMENT AFTER ALL THAT HAD GONE BEFORE. BENNETT IN EFFECT INVITED TUZEL THREE TIMES TO ACCEPT AMERICAN SUPPORT WITH GA PRESIDENT AND TUZEL'S STOCK ANSWER WAS THAT TURKISH MISSION NO LONGER SAW ANY POINT IN PRESSING THE ISSUE.

3. AT ROUGHLY SAME TIME ON AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 21, PERMREP OLCAY INQUIRED OF ME OF WHAT SITUATION WAS, SAYING HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE "CONFUSED AND CONTRADICTORY." HE SAID HE HAD FINALLY ACCEPTED OCTOBER 28 DATE AND NOW UNDERSTOOD USG WAS ASKING FOR DELAY INTO NOVEMBER.

4. FOLLOWING TELECONS WITH DEPARTMENT MORNING OCTOBER 22, I CALLED OLCAY TO SUGGEST OUR READINESS TO BACK UP ANY TURKISH REQUEST FOR DELAY BY CALL ON BOUTEFLIKA. OLCAY RESPONDED, "THE TROUBLE IS, I DON'T HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL." HE SAID HE WOULD SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT PRIOR OLCAY CALL ON BOUTEFLIKA, WE CAN TALK WITH BOUTEFLIKA ON OUR OWN AND I AM PREPARED TO DO SO. HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE OUR CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD OF GETTING FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. FOR THEIR PART, GREEKS HAVE FROM OUTSET INSISTED THAT THEY WANTED A SHORT DEBATE OF SOMETHING LIKE THREE DAYS AND WANTED TO DISPOSE OF THE ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTHING DEFINITE, THAT GREEKS AND TURKS BETWEEN THEMSELVES ALREADY HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE (AT LEAST THEY ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY) ON TYPE OF RESOLUTION BOTH COULD SUPPORT. THAT DOES NOT, OF COURSE, ALLOWE FOR POSSIBLE SPOILING TACTICS BY MAKARIOS WHO IS IN ACTIVE CONTACT WITH NON-ALIGNED.

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